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1. Headquarters, Leipzig. Entrance guards carry small arms and wear red facings with black borders.

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2. Hindenburg Barracks. Guards carry machine pistols and wear blue facings with black borders and air force insignia. There are about 300 men in the barracks. Firing practice is in progress.

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3. Treitschke Barracks. Guards wear red facings with black borders; do not carry arms. Garrison is about 600 men. No training observed.

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4. Train. Guards wear black facings with red borders and transport insignia. Garrison about 400 men. No training observed. A truck was observed on 24 Mar 54.

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5. Weissenhof Barracks. There are about 200 men here. Vehicles with the following

On 25 Mar 54 the following were observed: truck; driver wore blue facings with black borders.

6. Heiterblick Barracks. There were two guard posts before the garages on 14 Mar 54. Guards wore black facings with red borders and armored force insignia. Guards at western entrance wore similar facings, without insignia. At the southwest corner were two patrols without insignia, armed with machine pistols. The garrison is between 1,000 and 1,200 men. Back of the barracks practice driving was being done with two T 34-85 tanks; four T 34s were standing while men practiced getting in and out quickly. Firing practice was also taking place. There is a reconnaissance car driver's school. Vehicles were observed on 14 Mar 54:

7. Schönewald Barracks. Guards at east entrance wore black facings with red borders and artillery insignia. Garrison numbers about 1,500. Training in three squads with mortars of 80 to 90 mm caliber was observed on 16 Mar 54.

No training activities were observed on 18 Mar 54.

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8. Cottbus. A Soviet troop train passed through Cottbus towards Berlin on 29-30 Mar 54. Twelve cars were filled with soldiers, and about 30 cars were loaded with vehicles. There were three trucks, each carrying a "Stalin organ." Six of the cars were covered; apparently they carried guns and mortars. There were no insignia on the trucks. The soldiers wore red facings with black borders.

9. Pirmas. A large party of high-ranking Red Army officers was present at an inspection on 2 Apr 54 at Schloss Sonnenstein. According to members of the Volkspolizei, the former General Schörner was among those present.

10. Frankfurt an der Oder. Since the middle of March 1954 loading and shipment into Poland of tanks has been going on at Frankfurt an der Oder. The tanks are old American and some German models. About 100 have been counted to date.

11. Pardubice Airfield, Czechoslovakia. Since the beginning of March 1954 planes loaded with ammunition have been flying from this field to the Soviet Union. Eighteen to 20 flights are made daily. The ammunition is largely 105 mm shells from the Semyonov works and is said to be intended for China. Czechoslovakian IL-12 planes and Red Army planes are employed.

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